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Dear parents/ carers with older children

### **Contaminated Vapes**

Several pupils within the city have recently become unwell. It is believed this is as a result of using contaminated vapes. These pupils have now fully recovered. Contaminated vapes are different from the two usual types and are much more dangerous. Leicestershire Police have provided information around the three categories of vapes:

#### **'Ordinary Vapes'**

- High concentration of Nicotine
- Nicotine is a stimulant and can produce some adverse effects in children.
- These include increased blood pressure, heart rate and possibly panic attacks as a result.

#### **Vapes Which Contain Cannabis** (Herbal/oil/vaping concentration):

- Vaping Cannabis will commonly result in a greater concentration of THC being consumed in a shorter space of time.
- This increasing the likelihood of adverse reactions, particularly in children. Common reactions here are sickness, nausea, anxiety, panic attacks.

#### **Contaminated Vapes**

- It is not uncommon for vapes which are purchased as 'Cannabis' products to, in fact, contain other substances, most commonly synthetic Cannabinoids, more commonly referred to as spice or mamba.
- These products will commonly produce adverse reactions in users, which can be very severe, including those listed for Cannabis, but also cardiac events

Given these contaminated vapes are becoming more available across the city, we felt we would alert our school community.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tipple-Johnson